

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 34

February 4, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires hospitals to provide parents of newborns with educational information on Pertussis disease and immunizations during the post-partum period and prior to their discharge from the hospital.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, coverage for immunizations is provided in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control. Any increase in the number of immunizations as a result of increased patient education will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- According to the Department of Health, rulemaking and any resulting disciplinary action against hospitals that fail to provide the Pertussis educational information can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities meetings and will not result in a significant increase to expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.16.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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